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Masashi Oka, CEO MUFG Union Bank, NA 400 California St. San Francisco, CA 94104

Re:

Information Request Letter for the Carson River Mercury Superfund Site

Lyon, Storey, Washoe and Churchill Counties, Nevada

Dear Mr. Oka:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") is spending public funds to investigate and respond to actual or threatened releases of hazardous substances, pollutants, and contaminants at the Carson River Mercury Superfund Site ("Site") located in Lyon, Storey, Washoe and Churchill counties, and Carson City, Nevada. EPA is currently researching past ownership and operations at various mill sites within the geographic area of the Superfund site and believes that you may have information that can assist EPA in this effort, with respect to former mining-related mills and mill sites that were either owned and/or operated by MUFG Union Bank, NA's predecessor company, the Bank of California. EPA requests your assistance in answering the questions contained in Enclosure B. Definitions and instructions on how to respond to the questions are provided in Enclosure A.

Under Section 104(e) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §9604(e), EPA has broad information-gathering authority which allows EPA to require persons to furnish information or documents relating to:

- (A) The identification, nature, and quantity of materials which have been or are generated, treated, stored, or disposed of at a vessel or facility or transported to a vessel or facility.
- (B) The nature or extent of a release or threatened release of a hazardous substance or pollutant or contaminant at or from a vessel or facility.
- (C) Information relating to the ability of a person to pay for or perform a cleanup.

Although we expect that you will respond to our information request voluntarily, please note that your compliance with this information request is mandated by law. Failure to respond fully and truthfully may result in an enforcement action by EPA pursuant to Section

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